



## **Constitution and Circle Intersection opens early**

The new intersection at Constitution and Circle reopened today, one day early, at approximately 2:45 p.m.

“We know the closure has been an inconvenience. I want to thank drivers, trail users, businesses and students for their patience over the last three weeks,” said City Project Manager Andy Garton.

Construction on the Constitution and Circle Safety and Congestion Improvement Project continues and drivers should continue to expect some lane closures. The existing trail detour remains in place to allow completion of trail improvements. For the safety and expediency of construction and the safety of the traveling public, Blue Ridge Construction and the City of Colorado Springs ask motorists to pay close attention to posted speed limits and signs through the project area.

The Constitution and Circle improvements, funded by the Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority (PPRTA), are designed to reduce vehicle delays, decrease risk for rear-end collisions, increase air quality, address bicycle and pedestrian needs, and improve the Rock Island Trail. The project infrastructure is expected to be complete this December, pending weather disruptions, with landscaping to follow in early spring.

For more information on the Constitution and Circle Safety and Congestion Improvement Project, please visit the City’s Web site at [www.SpringsGov.com/TransportationEducation](http://www.SpringsGov.com/TransportationEducation). For information or questions on construction impacts, please call Blue Ridge Construction at (719) 578-5225, Ext. 10. Media wishing to arrange interviews should call Carrie McCausland with City Public Communications at (719) 385-5421.

The PPRTA was formed when voters in Colorado Springs, Manitou Springs, Green Mountain Falls and El Paso County approved a one percent sales tax in November of 2004 to address infrastructure and transit needs. The tax revenue is divided into three categories: 55 percent for capital improvements (such as this project), 35 percent for maintenance, and 10 percent for transit. The capital portion of the tax will sunset at the end of the year in 2014.

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